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# Save Yourself?

Can a person who is accustomed to doing evil reform himself and start doing good by mere self-resolve? Not according to God Who said, ***"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil"*** (Jeremiah 13:23). Just as the spots are natural to the leopard, sin is natural to man.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, their sin separated them from having fellowship with a holy God. Since then, all have been born in sin as David acknowledged, ***"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me"*** (Psalm 51:5). We ***"all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"*** (Romans 3:23). Speaking of sinners, the Apostle Paul stated, ***"Among whom also we all had our conversation (way of living) in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others"*** (Ephesians 2:3).

Job asked a question and then answered it, ***"Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one"*** (Job 14:4). We can't save ourselves from sin nor change our sinful nature, **but God can!** Man's sin nature is incapable of being changed by self-reformation, but it can be **supernaturally changed by divine regeneration!** Such a change in our lives is the work of the Holy Spirit. We are ***"born again"*** by being ***"born of the Spirit"*** (John 3:6-7). ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"*** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, God has provided everything necessary for you to be made clean from your sin and changed in your nature. Will you trust in Jesus now by repenting of your sin and accepting Him as your Savior?

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